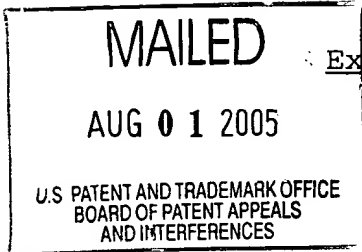


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte SATOSHI KIKUCHI, KOUSAKU MATSUNO
and HARURU WATATSU

Application No. 09/846,255

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 20, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on May 24, 2005. It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or whether the examiner notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for consideration of the IDS filed May 24, 2005, notification to appellants in writing of consideration, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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